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19 August -- The Bulgarian Politburo, which has undergone some changes since the death of Poptomov, is composed of ten members, two of whom are deputies. Vulko Chervenkov, President of the Council of Ministers, is in the top position. Georgi Chankov, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers, occupies second place, and the old and ailing Georgi Danyanov, President of the Presidium, who was formerly second to Chervenkov, has dropped to fourth place.

Rayko Danyanov, a member of the Central Committee, occupies third place. During the past few months he has waged a strong battle with Chervenkov and his old-guard friends, especially Georgi Danyanov and Mincho Neychev, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Anton Yugov, [former] Minister of Heavy Industry [now Vice-President of the Council of Ministers], was formerly in fourth place, but has dropped to fifth place in order of importance. A hero of the Bulgarian resistance movement, Yugov belonged to the old guard, but his nationalism has led to rivalry with Chervenkov several times since 1947.

Mincho Neychev, who is very active despite his 75 years, has fallen from fifth to sixth place.

Todor Zhivkov, a member of the Central Committee, together with Rayko Danyanov and Dimitur Dimov, is one of the more active members of the young clique. Recently, he almost dealt a death blow to Chervenkov, whom he reproached for a lack of "Bolshevik style" according to a report not entirely confirmed.

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Georgi Tsankov, the Minister of Interior, who occupies eighth place, because of his age, would appear to belong to the younger clique, but he is actually loyal to Chervenkov.

Although Dimitur Dimov has retained his position as candidate member of the Politburo of the Central Committee since 1950, his role in the Politburo is important because he represents the views of the younger clique on the Central Committee. He holds ninth place in order of importance.

Dimitur Ganev [recently replaced by Zhivko Zhivkov as Minister of Foreign Trade, but still candidate member of the Politburo Central Committee], a candidate member of the Foreign Committee [sic], whose personality is hardly distinguished, remains in the middle of the two rival factions in the Politburo.

The crisis of June and July 1952 led the USSR to make some important decisions.

General Ivan Mikhailov, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and [Assistant] Minister of National Defense, is intended eventually to succeed Chervenkov. Of Bulgarian origin, he lived in the USSR from 1923 to 1944. He has both Soviet and Bulgarian citizenship, but he is not a member of either the Politburo or the Central Committee. However, he has acquired full power to participate in the meetings of the two groups whenever he judged it useful.

There are good reasons for believing that the Kremlin, displeased with the lack of action by its diplomatic representative in Sofia, will recall Ambassador Bodrov within a month.

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